Electronic Forms Submission (EFS): Help Document

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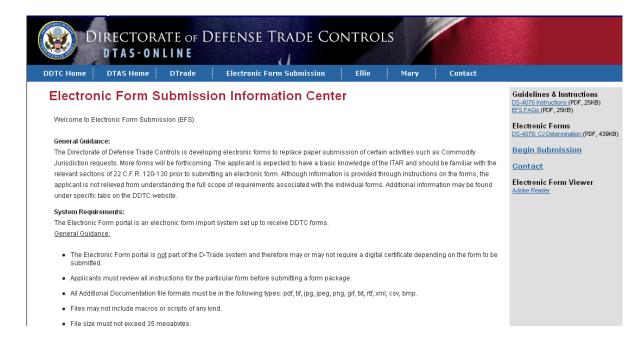
Introduction

The DTAS-Online Electronic Forms Submission (EFS) Help Document covers the following topics:

- Accessing Electronic Forms Submission (EFS) web site
- Completing the online submission form
- Uploading Forms
- **Uploading Additional Documents**
- Reviewing and Submitting Completed Form Package
- **Receiving Submission Confirmation**

Accessing the Electronic Forms Submission (EFS) Website

Navigate to the Electronic Forms Submission's web page address at https://dtas-online.pmddtc.state.gov. The EFS information Center page will be displayed.

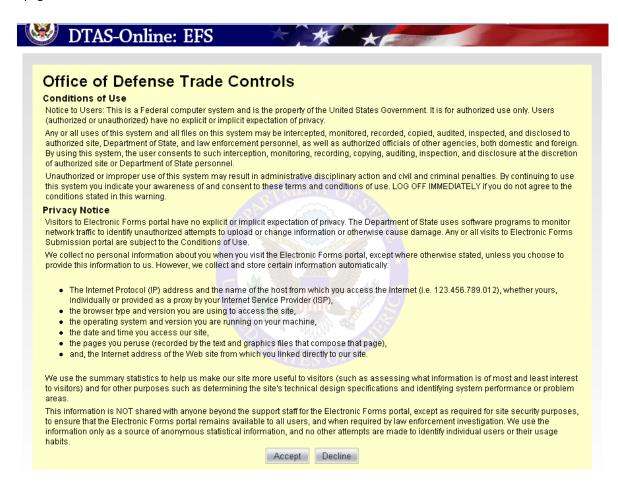


🔼 Read and understand the entirety of the Electronic Form Submission Information Center page.

- 1. To begin, click **Begin Submission** located in the right side menu bar.
- 2. The site Disclaimer will be displayed in a separate browser.
 - Read Conditions of Use carefully.
 - Read Privacy Notice carefully.
- 3. Once you have read the **Conditions of Use** and **Privacy Notice**, two options will be presented:

Accept: If this option is selected, you will be taken to the online Submission Form.

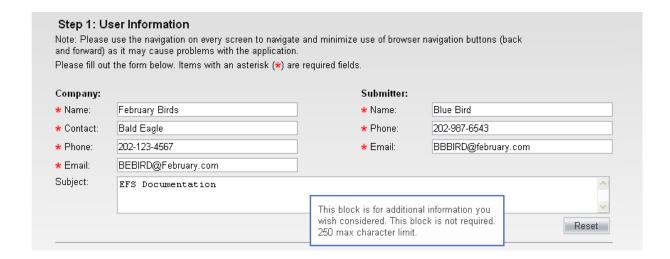
Decline: If this option is selected, you will be referred back to the Electronic Form Submission Information Center page



Completing the online submission form

STEP 1: User Information

- Fill in EACH block marked with a red asterisk *
- Ensure ALL information is accurate

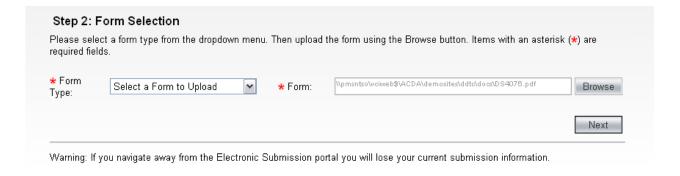


Uploading Forms

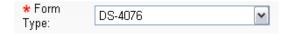
STEP 2: Form Selection and Uploading

Before beginning Step 2, users are encouraged to ensure that they have the collected the correct documents to be included with their submission package. Forms eligible for upload via EFS can be found on the Electronic Form Submission Information Center page menu bar located on the right side of the page under "Forms". Make certain these forms are filled out and saved to your computer before you begin the submission process.

A The browser will timeout after being idle for more than 20 minutes. Incomplete submissions are not recoverable.



First, select the applicable Form Type (DS-2032 or DS-4076) from the drop down menu.



• If you attempt to upload a file <u>without first selecting the document type</u> you will receive the following error: "You must select an appropriate Form Type to upload".

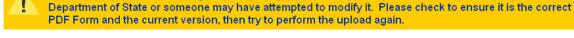


- 2. To locate and upload the form document click the Browse button
- 3. Locate and select the DOS form you would like to upload from your personal list of documents (This file **MUST** be the PDF form officiated by DOS).
 - If you attempt to upload a DOS form that is <u>not in PDF format</u> you will receive an error message stating that "The file you attempted to upload was not a PDF".



• If you attempt to upload a PDF that is <u>not authorized by the Department of State</u> you will receive an error message stating "The PDF may not have been created by the Department of State or someone may have attempted to modify it."

There was a problem validating the PDF you uploaded. The pdf may not have been created by the

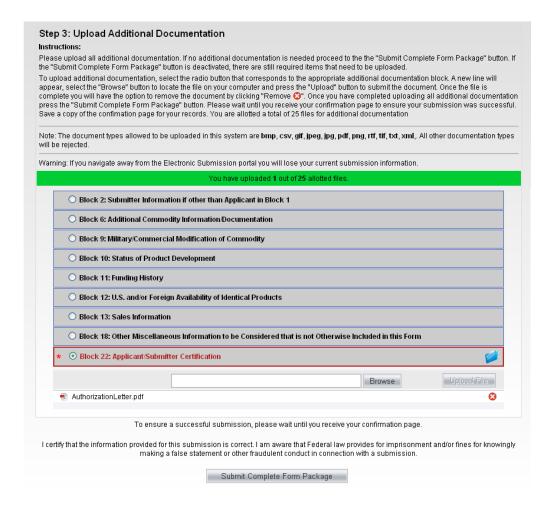


- 4. Click the **Next** button Next to upload the document.
 - If you do not click the **Next** button and the browser remains idle for a specific amount of time, the session will be cancelled. Data entered into the web form will not be retained.
 - If you navigate away from EFS, the session will be cancelled. Data entered in to the web form will not be retained.

STEP 3: Additional Documentation

At this stage of the submission process, if you have additional documentation you can upload up to 25 additional documents. All files should be flattened, optimized and/or compressed as much as possible to minimize file transfer sizes. Individual files must be less than or equal to 30 megabytes in size.

riangle All blocks marked with an asterisk are required before you can submit the complete package *



- 1. Select the type of additional documentation you wish to upload. Click the radio button 🎑 next to the corresponding block in which you have additional documentation.
 - The following should appear below your choice



- 2. Upload your additional documentation by clicking the Browse button .
- 3. Select the document you wish to upload from your documents.
 - File must not include macros or scripts of any kind.
 - File size must not exceed 35 megabytes.
- Allowable file types are PDF, TIF, JPG, PNG, GIF, TXT, RTF, XML
- If you upload an unsupported file, an error page will be displayed
- 4. After you have selected your document, click Upload File and the document will appear in the white space.



 As you upload documents the number of documents uploaded will be reflected in the colored box above the block numbers

You have uploaded 1 out of 25 allotted files.

Note: This bar changes color from green, to yellow, to red as the number of files you have uploaded increases; in order to notify you that you are reaching the maximum limit of 25 files.

 Repeat steps 1-4 for every document that you would like to upload (no more than 25 additional documents are allowed)

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: You must have a signed Applicant Certification page saved on your personal computer; that is of one of the following file formats: PDF, TIF, JPG, PNG, GIF, TXT, RTF, XML.



Removing Documents

- If you wish to remove documents after you have uploaded them, you can do so by clicking the red X
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- 5. Click Submit Complete Form Package button

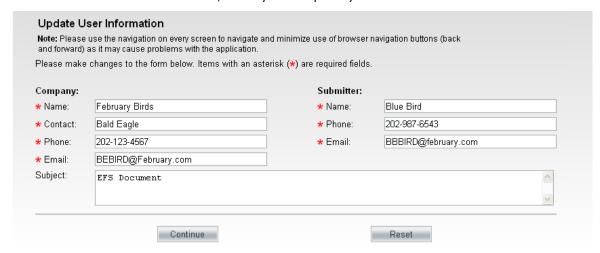
 Package button will not become activated until all required documents have been uploaded.

STEP 4: Review and Submit Complete Package

You now have the option to update your contact information or modify the documents uploaded.

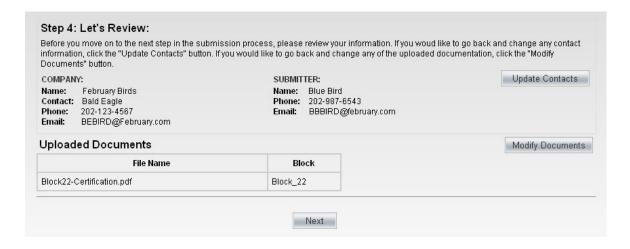


- 1. If there are no mistakes or additions click the **Next** button.
- 2. If you find errors in your contact information click the **Update Contacts** button Update Contacts
 - You will now see this screen, where you can update your user information.

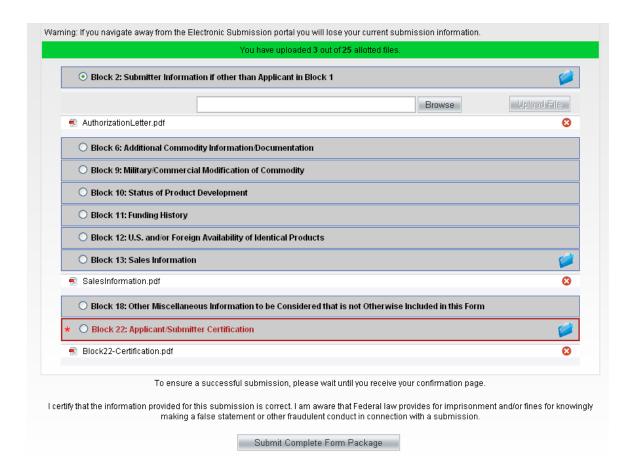


- You have the option to correct the information on this page.
- If you want to clear the entire page click the Reset button.
- After you have made changes to your contact information click the **Continue** button.

 Continue
- You will now be referred back to the review page



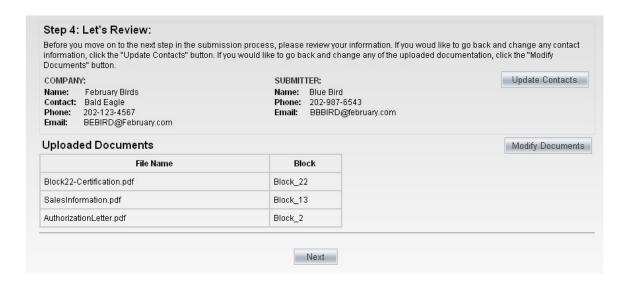
- 3. If you have uploaded the wrong documents, or have more documents to add to your additional documents section click the **Modify Documents** button.
 - You will return back to the additional documentation page where you will follow the uploading document instructions again.



- You should see all of the documents you have uploaded to your submission underneath the corresponding blocks.
- Once again you have the option of removing documents before you submit the completed form package;
 by clicking the red X beside the document you wish to remove.
- After you have added, deleted, or modified documents click the **Submit Complete Form Package** button.



 You will now be referred back to the review page; this page should reflect all changes made to your submission.



• If <u>everything</u> is correct click the **Next** button.

STEP 5: Receive Confirmation

- After you have clicked next you will receive a confirmation PDF. A summary of your submitted information will be displayed.
- Please retain this document for your records.

